## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD DIVISION OF JUDGES

WESTROCK SERVICES, INC.,	)		
	)		
and	).	Case	10-CA-195617
	)		
GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS	)		
CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL	)		
BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 197-M,	·		

## **MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING**

Due to a scheduling conflict of its attorney, the Graphic Communications Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local, 197-M ("Union") moves to postpone the hearing scheduled to resume on January 30—February 1, 2018. This motion is necessitated by a 1/31/18 trial, which the Union's counsel had scheduled before he entered an apeparance in this matter. Counsel for the Union asks to continue the hearing to some other date as soon as possible but on which the parties have no previously-scheduled conflict.

In further support of this motion, the Union states:

On July 12, 2017, the General Counsel proposed the hearing be scheduled to begin on November 7, 2017, and be completed that week. Counsel for Westrock ("Employer") was supposedly unavailable for the hearing that week because of an ABA Labor and Employment Section meeting in Washington, D.C. Counsel for the Employer requested the hearing be scheduled for the week earlier or in December. After noting the Judge was not available the week earlier and had provided no available dates in December, the General Counsel proposed the week of November 13th for the hearing and suggested starting the hearing on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Again, Counsel for

the Employer claimed they were not available to begin the hearing on November 13, 14, or 15. The

hearing was ultimately scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17. The General Counsel

put on its case on the 16th and 17th, and the hearing was recessed. The parties agreed to reconvene the

hearing to allow the Employer to put on its case on the latest possible date the Judge would allow at the

time, which was January 30 and 31, 2018 and February 1, 2018, if needed. (Transcript, Vol 1 at pages

220-222).

Because of counsel for the Union's trial conflict, the Union is requesting only a short

continuance of a week or two when everyone is available for the hearing. Otherwise, the Union may

well have no legal representation at the hearing.

The Employer received from the middle of July, 2017, to the middle of November, 2017, to

prepare for the General Counsel's case. It then received from mid-November, 2017, to the end of

January, 2018, to prepare its case-in-chief. A week or two more should not prejudice the Employer.

For these and other good reasons, the Union moves to postpone the hearing to some date as

soon as possible but other than January 30—February 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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